

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all postcloture time on the Park nomination expire at 1:45 p.m., Thursday, May 9. I further ask that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING BURGERS' SMOKEHOUSE

• Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, as a member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my privilege to recognize a family-owned small business that is dedicated to its customers, employees, and community. In honor of the U.S. Small Business Administration's National Small Business Week, it is my pleasure to name Burgers' Smokehouse of California, MO, as the Senate Small Business of the Day.

Burgers' Smokehouse began in 1927 with E.M. Burger, a man who decided to use his mother's recipe to start curing hams for himself. Though this was a time with limited potential for a meat business, Burger sold six hams in his first year and then doubled to 12 hams in his second year. From there, E.M. Burger started employing the help of his family to grow his business to its official launch in 1952 when they opened their first "Ham House" in California, MO. This opening would lead them to become the first country cured meat company in the United States to receive Federal inspection just 4 years later in 1956 which allowed them to ship meat between State borders.

Today, Burgers' Smokehouse is now operated by the third and fourth generation of the Burger family and has become one of the Nation's leading provider of cured meats. Burgers' Smokehouse now employs over 200 people and operates two locations, the original "Ham House" in California, and a newly opened second facility in Springfield, MO. The company distributes over 12 million pounds of products each year and supplies restaurants such as

Bob Evans, Cracker Barrel, and Waffle House. This success was not only due to the quality of their product, but also to the utilization of the latest technology. Burgers' Smokehouse has been recognized in several magazines and newspapers for the cutting-edge innovations used in their production and food safety processes.

In addition to the excellence within Burgers' Smokehouse's walls, the Burger family is intentional about being excellent to those outside of their walls. Employees participate yearly in the Moniteau County Relay for Life. Burgers' Smokehouse has raised over \$100,000 to help fight cancer through this effort. In 2006, Burgers' Smokehouse also sent care packages, which included some of their sandwiches, to U.S. soldiers overseas. Today, they still offer free shipping to anyone who will place an order to a military post. Aside from Burgers' Smokehouse's direct charity, the Burger family also set up a foundation under E.M. Burger's name, the founder of Burgers' Smokehouse. This foundation specializes in gifts to the arts and education and frequently gives grants to the Moniteau County school system.

Burgers' Smokehouse embodies the traits of a true family-owned business. Armed only with his mother's recipe, E.M. Burger sold just six hams in his first year. Ninety-two years later, the third and fourth generations of the Burger family operate his legacy selling over 600,000 hams a year to people all over the country. As a result of the hard work this family and their employees have put in, Burgers' Smokehouse has been the recipient of numerous awards and visited by President Eisenhower, Hank Williams, Jr., and Johnny Carson. It is my distinct pleasure to honor Burgers' Smokehouse as the Senate Small Business of the Day. You make Missouri proud, and I look forward to watching your continued growth and success. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13338 OF MAY 11, 2004, WITH RESPECT TO THE BLOCKING OF PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS AND PROHIBITION OF EXPORTATION AND RE-EXPORTATION OF CERTAIN GOODS TO SYRIA—PM 12

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying

report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days before the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the actions of the Government of Syria declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004—as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, Executive Order 13460 of February 13, 2008, Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011, Executive Order 13573 of May 18, 2011, Executive Order 13582 of August 17, 2011, Executive Order 13606 of April 22, 2012, and Executive Order 13608 of May 1, 2012—is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2019.

The regime's brutal war on the Syrian people, who have been calling for freedom and a representative government, not only endangers the Syrian people themselves, but also generates instability throughout the region. The Syrian regime's actions and policies, including pursuing and using chemical weapons, supporting terrorist organizations, and obstructing the Lebanese government's ability to function effectively continue to foster the rise of extremism and sectarianism and pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect the national emergency declared with respect to this threat and to maintain in force the sanctions to address this national emergency.

In addition, the United States condemns the Assad regime's use of brutal violence and human rights abuses and calls on the Assad regime to stop its violent war, uphold existing ceasefires, enable the delivery of humanitarian assistance, and negotiate a political transition in Syria that will forge a credible path to a future of greater freedom, democracy, opportunity, and justice. The United States will consider changes in the composition, policies, and actions of the Government of Syria in determining whether to continue or terminate this national emergency in the future.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 8, 2019.